



State Senator
**Cathy
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Dear Constituent:

You may have heard that the State of Connecticut recently created a central registry of contact information for veterans. This new registry is intended to help identify needs, coordinate services and distribute benefits to the approximately 280,000 Connecticut citizens who are veterans.

State Department of Veterans' Affairs staff will accept voluntary information from veterans who call the new veterans' registry toll-free at 1-866-9CT-VETS (1-866-928-8387).

When you call, State Department of Veterans' Affairs staff will enter your information into a new, secure database. Only a veteran's name, mailing address and written documentation of war-time service are required for the registry.

Also, the state law establishing this new veterans' registry requires municipal tax assessors to provide the State Department of Veterans' Affairs with the names and addresses of all who have registered in their hometowns as veterans. The state Department of Veterans' Affairs is also receiving veterans' information maintained by the Connecticut National Guard for the registry.

The State Department of Veterans' Affairs plans to hire a full-time veterans' registry coordinator who will also provide referral and information services to state veterans. Future plans also call for making it possible for veterans to register through the State Department of Veterans' Affairs website at www.ct.gov/ctva.

As your State Senator, I want our veterans to receive all of the help and support to which they are entitled as a citizen of Connecticut who served our nation as a member of the military. If you have any questions or concerns about the new veterans' registry, or any other state issues important to you, please contact me at 1-800-842-1421, or send me an e-mail at Catherine.Cook@cga.ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Cathy Cook